

## MEETING OF THE JAMA COMMISSION ?? JANUARY 2014

Convener Chris Jones welcomed the JAMA members and supporters to the meeting in Whitianga which opened at 5.10pm

In attendance: National Secretary Carole Hicks

1 Minutes of the 2013 meeting were moved as a correct record by Kathy Barclay/Mike Ashburn **Carried**

### 2 Matters arising

Trophies: had previously been provided for the compound age groups by Sandie and Rachel Hughes but we needed a similar set for the recurve divisions. Trophy Steward Kerry Turner is identifying those that we have and will then send a list of those still needed.

Kerry led the discussion about trophies missing or those we have never had including that for JAMA compound girls and recurve boys. If you receive a trophy at this meeting please hand it back for engraving and it will be returned to you as quickly as possible.

Champion of Champions: There was discussion of how the champion of champions trophies are awarded as included in the rule change at the AGM. The trophy is awarded based on a cumulative score from placings in the field, target and clout rounds. Competitors have to shoot in all rounds in order to be eligible.

### 3 JAMA report

It was noted the 'Archery in Schools' competitions were flourishing with an increased number of schools and students competing in the postal event and in face to face competitions. Of particular note, we had 33 schools competing in the 'teams' section of the postal league. This year's top schools, based on the mean score submitted by teams, were:

1. Lytton High School (Gisborne);
2. Palmerston North Boys High (Palmerston North ) and;
3. Bayfield High School (Dunedin).

Special mention also goes to the schools with the highest cumulative scores in the teams divisions which were: Burnside High (Christchurch); St Peters College (Auckland) and; Gisborne Intermediate (Gisborne).

The Auckland Schools competition is very strong with some schools buying their own equipment and school staff training as instructors.

A particularly exciting venture to note is the work being carried out to adopt the Archery New Zealand Archery in Schools rounds to measure student

performance following and approach by NZQA to establish archery as a physical activity in an applied setting for the Level 3 Physical Education standard.

Chris noted a successful year and thanked all JAMA coordinators, parents and others who have provided such outstanding support to the young archers.

#### 4 JAMA Awards

Over 270 junior archers participated in the JAMA postal rounds. Most improved archers in 2013 were

Recurve Girl - Victoria Tucker

Compound Girl - Lauren Tucker

Recurve Boy - William Kung

Compound Boy - Yazdy Mistry

Trophies have been ordered and will be posted out to clubs.

Of special note: Rueben Ford, scored 700 points for the appropriate age group distance for the 720 round. As WA has no similar age/distance reward a special ANZ certificate was created to acknowledge this outstanding achievement. Due to the increasing popularity, the JAMA Convenor is planning to look into incorporating cumulative score badges for the 720 rounds as part of the JAMA awards.

New medals have been designed for official JAMA competitions and the motto in te reo Maori has been re-translated. It was confirmed that gold, silver and bronze medals will be available.

Following a request from Auckland there is a competition running to design the medals for inter-school competitions which will be open for a further two months. Entries to the JAMA convenor.

#### 5 Election of Officers

Chris noted he had learned a great deal during his year as convenor but with all the board work in addition to the postal shoots and schools competitions, the work load was too heavy to do a good job. He was however, willing to stay as a support person.

With no other nominations for convenor, the National Secretary noted that apart from this role, who is the representative on the ANZ Board, the Commission was able to include other positions suitable for the work of the Commission.

Maria Tucker volunteered to co-ordinate the Archery in Schools programme.

**Carried**

Phil Sanson agreed to co-ordinate the JAMA postal competition. **Carried**

After further discussion Chris agreed to undertake the convener role, working with Maria and Phil as the "Executive" of the JAMA Commission. **Carried**

#### 6 Trans Tasman Trophy

It was noted that the dates found on the Archery Australia web site are during the last week of the schools' third term for us and several of the AUS states and NZL at least would have great difficulty in fielding a team and therefore will need to be changed. The convenor has been in contact with Archery Australia to seek further details and will contact them to see if the dates can be changed.

Archery Australia is still promoting the idea of involving other Oceania countries in the event. Their motive would be to increase the number of archers in the match play part of the week, providing more competition and allowing our archers a chance to compete at a continental level. After some discussion the consensus from the juniors present was that, although the Trans Tasman needs to retain its significant status, the juniors would prefer to have exposure to match play the NZL preferred position is to have the Trans Tasman event followed by the Oceania Youth Championships. Chris will discuss further with AUS.

#### 7 Other matters

It was noted the JAMA newsletters are not necessarily getting to the people involved. The newsletter will be posted on the web site and a notice sent to co-ordinators to that effect. If information is not getting through, people should talk to their club JAMA co-ordinator.

Reminder that the North Island Championship will be hosted by Rotorua, Kathy in attendance for any questions.

The South Island Championship will be hosted by Aimtru, Petra in attendance.

There was discussion about the differences in qualifying for the Trans Tasman between Australia and New Zealand. It was suggested that for the Trans Tasman event there could be qualifying scores appropriate to the respective age groups, not a single score regardless of age. Chris will pass this on to the Selection Panel for their consideration and response.

Although not necessarily a JAMA matter, it was suggested that qualifying scores for Oceania tournaments could be a little lower and become stepping stones for the development of international teams.

Discussion around coaching our juniors and it was agreed that it would be good to have more coach's trained and willing to work with the younger archers who must themselves be prepared to "do the hard yards". Likewise for judges and the parents of the juniors were asked to consider if they would want to be nominated to take on this kind of role as they were invariably at competitions and familiar with the rules.

Chris thanked everyone for their contributions to JAMA and to this meeting which closed at 6.12pm

Carole Hicks

National Secretary